

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 5-8 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a divisional application of U.S. patent application serial no. 09/908,429 filed July 18, 2001 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREPARING LIPIDIC MESOPHASE MATERIAL", which claims the benefit of U.S. patent application serial no. 60/219,016 filed July 18, 2000 entitled "PROCEDURE AND SYRINGE APPARATUS FOR SCREENING LIPIDIC MESOPHASES FOR PROTEIN CRYSTALLIZATION", which is hereby incorporated by reference for all purposes.